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February 11, 1961

Dr. James W. Silver  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are preparing for a series of lectures on the Civil War which will begin in two weeks and we would appreciate it very much if you would send us a letter expounding your views on whether the Civil War should be continuously glorified through the annual celebrations which are given to commemorate the Civil War.

We would like for you to give us a brief sketch in your own interpretation of the various ramifications connected with the Civil War to place the cause and effect at the focal point in order that we might fully understand why this war between the states should, or should not be glorified.

Please sir, write me as soon as possible and give me your interpretation and reasons why the Civil War should or should not be glorified. In your interpretation, I hope that you will involve the historical, political, constitutional, social and economical aspects of the question.

Most respectfully yours,

*James D. Lockett*  
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